

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2020



Common Worship shared by:

Christ Church, United Church of Christ Ft. Thomas, KY
St. John United Church of Christ Bellevue, KY
St. John's United Church of Christ Newport, KY

Order of Service

Gathering Music and Lighting the Candles

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”
Theo Baldwin & Steve Phillips, piano duet-St John Bellevue

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. Keith M. Haithcock

This is the day Our God has made –
let us celebrate with joy! (Psalm 118.24)

Opening Song

“Praise with Joy the World’s Creator” (LAUDA ANIMA)
Dobin Park, vocal leader; Michael Sullivan, organ/piano-St. John’s Newport

Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love, and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
Force of greatness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory,
power to rescue and release.

Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, up-sets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence:
friend and stranger, guest and host.

Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure:
foolishness none dare deride.

Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit,
One God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when
Shown Christ's vibrant unity.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Ministry of Music

*"Amazing Grace" arr. by Walter Rodrigues, Jr.
Max Gise, guitars*

Scripture

Psalm 133 (New Revised Standard Version) Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

**How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.**

**One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.
May God grant to us wisdom and courage for
interpretation.**

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“We’re All in This Together”
Romans 14:1-12

Rev. Marty Westermeyer

Offerings to God

“Many Gifts, One Spirit”
Dave Major, piano
Combined ensemble from all churches

(Allen Pote)

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Special Moments of Our Common Worship

Jan Knepshield, St. John’s Newport; Ken Weidinger, Ft Thomas; Jeff Draper, St John Bellevue

Litany of Thanksgiving

Jan Knepshield, Ken Weidinger, Jeff Draper

One: For the worship of God in prayer and praise, for the preaching of the Word, for the celebrations of the holy sacraments,

All: offered during this time, we give thanks.

One: For the comfort of those who mourn, for the help of those who are perplexed, for the guidance of those who seek strength,

All: offered during this time, we give thanks.

One: For the support and nurture of families, for the guidance of children, for the calling of youth to a life of service,

All: offered during this time, we give thanks.

One: For guarding against evil, for fostering faithfulness, for promoting peace and justice in all the earth,

All: offered during this time, we give thanks.

One: For the opening of minds to your truth, for the care of the needy, for the giving of hope and courage,

All: offered during this time, we give thanks.

One: For the unity of all believers in Christ, for the carrying of the gospel into all the world, for the furtherance of the unity of all people,

All: offered during this time, we give thanks.

Today's Worship Leaders: One: For the consecration of life and service, in grateful remembrance of those who have gone before us, and in gratitude for our life together during this time,

All: We give thanks to you for this united effort and common worship and pray for your continued blessing and guidance. Amen.

Closing Song

"Won't You Let Me Be Your *Servant?*" (*SERVANT SONG*)

Talia Broering Zoll, vocal leader; Toni Sheffer, organ/piano

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are travellers on the road;
We are here to help each other
go the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the shadow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

Send Out

Parting Music

"Total Praise"
Steve Milloy, piano

(arr. Mark Hayes)

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